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REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 17, 2003

Applicant submits the following remarks in reply to the Office action of December 17, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending.

In the Office action, the claims were rejected as follows:

- Claims 1-3 and 5-14 were rejected as unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 4,974,919 (Muraki et al.) and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0036903 (Okuyama et al.).
- Claim 4 was rejected as unpatentable over the Muraki et al. patent in view of the Okuyama et al. publication and U.S. Patent Nos. 6,377,336 (Shiraishi et al.).

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